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Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached papers for the above-described patent application: Response to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2003 and return postcard.
2. Please charge the \$1300.00 fee for including a claim of priority in the instant application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(t), to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.
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Respectfully submitted,

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Responsive to the Office Action mailed August 21, 2003, please reconsider the pending claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.